

**REMARKS**

The Examiner requires election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-48, 52, and 53, drawn to a fluid transfer assembly and its method of use, classified in class 604, subclass 6.13.
- II. Claims 49-51, drawn to a check valve assembly, classified in class 137, subclass 512.

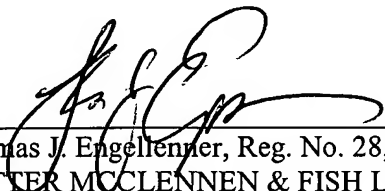
Applicant elects Group I, corresponding to claims 1-48, 52 and 53 without traverse.

**CONCLUSION**

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any discussion of an aspect helps expedite prosecution of the pending application.

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